

## Mayor's Youth Council

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## Monthly Meetings with the Mayor



- Advise the Mayor of important youth issues in Indianapolis
- Work with the Mayor when developing city policies focused on youth

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## Annual Retreat



Members attend a retreat each council year that includes team-building and goal-setting activities.

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## Service Learning



Council members seek opportunities to be active in schools, reach out to their peers and volunteer at community events throughout the city.

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## Service Learning



- The Mayor's Youth Council applied and received two grants totaling more than \$12,000 to provide services for homeless youth in our community.
- Members have coordinated and/or participated in more than 30 community service projects.

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## City-wide Book Drives



- Council members coordinated and organized two city-wide book drives. Members worked with schools, businesses and other organizations to collect over 5,000 books.
- This effort helped more than 300 students create home libraries for summer reading.

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## IPS School #46



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## Town Hall Meetings



Following are a few of the topics that have been discussed:

- Youth Violence
- Graduation Rates
- ISTEP/No Child Left Behind
- First Amendment Rights
- Values/Morals/Ethics
- Diversity and Religious Tolerance

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## Trip to Washington, D.C.



Corporate sponsorship, fundraising activities and private donations made this trip possible.

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Members met and spoke with lobbyists, journalists and other leaders including Congresswoman Julia Carson and Senator Richard Lugar. The trip also included tours of the city to learn about events and individuals that have contributed to our country's history.

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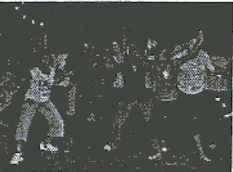
## Indiana Youth Leadership Conference



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### Workshop discussion topics:

- Diversity: Understanding Cultural Values
- The Powerful Student
- Youth & Money Mgmt.
- 40 Developmental Assets to Succeed
- Service Projects in Your Community
- Coalition & Team Building – How to Reach a Common Goal
- And more



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## Other MYC Highlights: 2000-2007

- Worked with organizations to plan youth summits
- Coordinated conferences for state and national youth delegates
- Over 40 members appointed to serve on various Boards & Commissions
- Shadowed the Mayor
- Worked as interns in various departments
- Took advantage of employment opportunities
- Created life-long friendships and professional relationships
- And many more

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## Thank You!

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